

# Department of Natural Resources Impact in Green County

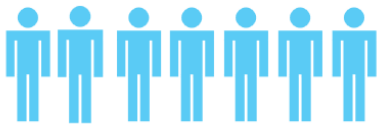
The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources aims to excel at working and partnering with the public to protect and manage the state's natural resources while supporting the economy and the well-being of our citizenry.



## Did you know?

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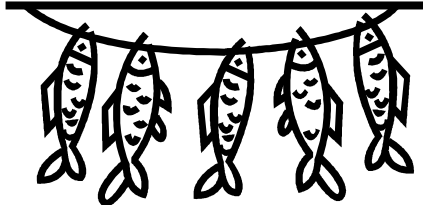
**763,384**



**RESIDENT HUNTERS**

In 2011, fishing in Wisconsin had an economic impact of over

**\$1.4 billion**



In Green County, **15,682** licenses were sold in 2013-14.

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## Investments in Recreation

In fiscal year 2014, **New Glarus Woods State Park, Badger State Trail (south), Cadiz Springs State Recreation Area and Sugar River State Trail** had close to **350,783 visitors** making an estimated **local impact of \$26,733,303**.

Green County has over **5,700 acres** of state owned lands open to public hunting and outdoor recreation.

In 2014, DNR **stocked 3,660 pheasants** in Green County. **This results in increased hunting opportunities, which helps the local economy.** Pheasant stocking continues to be a priority to promote and sustain pheasant hunting in Wisconsin.

DNR offers a variety of safety classes around the state annually. In 2013, a total of **244 citizens** became **hunter, ATV, boating and snowmobile** certified in Green County.

## Community Partnerships

The DNR's **Landowner Incentive** Program has provided over **\$40,000** in cost-share funds to private landowners in Green County since 2007. The program helps private landowners create and manage habitat for species that are rare or declining, including the red-headed woodpecker, eastern meadowlark and bobolink.

Green County has **50 public water systems** that the DNR oversees to ensure they deliver safe water. Wisconsin has more public water systems than any other state in the nation.

## Snapshot of grants in Green County

A total of \$1,237,432 was awarded in Green County for **water quality, outdoor recreation, fish and wildlife habitat, public health and safety and forestry activities**. A snapshot of activities include: Muralt Prairie Restoration, Village of Albany Riverfront Park and snowmobile maintenance.

**\*\*Numbers reflect the July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014 time period.**

## Forestry Activities

Since June 2010, DNR has **provided over \$64,540 to private forest owners in the county to assist them in protecting and enhancing their forested lands and waters** through management plan development, tree planting, practices that improve forest health and soil and water protection.

Since 2011, **Green County has received \$29,703 in Urban Forestry grants** to support new, innovative projects that will develop sustainable urban and community forestry programs.

**Six communities have received technical assistance from DNR between 2011 and 2014**, which has helped them develop or improve their urban forest management programs.

Since 2011, **DNR has granted \$9,498 to local Fire Departments** in Green County to purchase equipment and supplies that improve their capability and safety on wild land fires.

**Green County has 631 acres of private land open for public access for recreation as a result of tax law programs** (Forest Crop and MFL). The Tax Law Programs encourage proper management of timber, wildlife, water quality and the environment through written management plans for a landowner's property.

## Environmental Cleanup Efforts

DNR approved **cleanups at 129 contaminated properties resulting in 156 acres being made available for reuse**. DNR staff assures these cleanups provide **long-term protection of public health and environment**.

**DNR responded to 25 spills of hazardous materials** over the past 3 years.

**DNR provided \$133,887 in reimbursements** over the past 3 years for expenses relating to the **investigation and cleanup of petroleum contamination from product storage systems**.

## Deer Management in Green County

In 2014, Green County established a County Deer Advisory Council. One council per county, they provide input and recommendations to the DNR on deer management.

DNR is working with two landowners who have over 540 acres enrolled in the Deer Management Assistance Program. This will result in improvements to wildlife habitat on their property.

In 2013, a total of 2,322 deer were registered in Green County with 491 harvested during archery deer season and 1,831 harvested during the gun deer season.